

NOTES FROM TOWN HALL
Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman

Police Department. Police Officer Jack Georges died suddenly while on duty on May 8. He had been an employee with the Police Department for 22 years and had received numerous commendations for his work. The Town was fortunate to have had him serve us so well for so many years. He will be missed by this community and especially by his colleagues in the Police Department.

Municipal Partnership Act. The Town is studying the possible effects of the Municipal Partnership Act, a piece of legislation under review by the State Legislature. This act would eliminate some tax exemptions for telecommunications companies, give municipalities the ability to establish a meals tax, make changes in the pension investment practices of some municipalities, and provide a process for municipalities and their employees to join the State health insurance program. If approved, these options could impact the Town's budget by providing additional revenues and reducing expenses.

Greene Property. The Selectmen are proceeding with the sale of the so-called Greene property on Scribner Avenue to the State. The 77 acres would remain as conservation land and open space. The State will pay \$625,000 for the property. These funds are expected to become a part of the Town's Free Cash that would be certified by the State in the fall. This is a good deal for the Town. It allows us to preserve this property as originally intended. Also, it allows us to reduce our original expenditure from \$1,400,000 to \$775,000. The Special Town Meeting in October 2006 approved this sale.